

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-4. (Cancelled).
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[4]] 14 comprising communicating a bill based on the usage.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the bill is communicated to the user by the Internet.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 14 comprising providing the ~~battery~~ portable power source to the user without a purchase fee.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 14 comprising providing the ~~battery~~ portable power source in [[a]] the device to a user without a purchase fee for the portable power source and the device.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the device is a communication device.
- 10.-12. (Cancelled).
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[11]] 14 wherein the ~~battery~~ portable power source usage information is based on recharge cycles.
14. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
  - providing a ~~battery or a battery-powered device~~ portable power source to a user who uses the portable power source in a hand-portable consumer device;
  - determining the usage of the ~~battery or the device~~ portable power source, and/or the terms of providing the ~~battery or device~~ portable power source; and
  - determining a fee based on the usage and/or the terms.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 comprising:
  - communicating the usage information and/or terms to an external monitor.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 comprising:
  - transmitting the usage information and/or terms over the Internet.

17 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 comprising:

recording the usage and/or terms in a module attached to the ~~battery, the device~~  
portable power source, or a recharger for recharging the ~~battery or device~~ portable power source.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 comprising:

providing a plurality of vending stations that dispense and/or recharge said ~~battery~~  
~~or device~~ portable power source, where the fee for replacement or recharging is based on the  
usage and/or said terms.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 comprising:

providing a rechargeable ~~battery or a device with a rechargeable battery~~ portable  
power source.

20. The method of claim 14 comprising:

providing a single-use ~~battery or battery-powered device with a single use battery~~  
portable power source.

21.-43. (Cancelled).

44. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the device is a telephone.

45. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the device is a computer.

46. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the device is a power tool.

47. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the device is a personal care product.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the personal care product is an electric  
razor.

49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the personal care product is an electric  
toothbrush.

50. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the battery is provided to the user with the  
device.

51. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the portable power source is a battery.

52. (New) The method of claims 44, 45, 46, or 47, wherein the portable power source is  
a battery.

53. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the battery is rechargeable.